# MMMPO 2024 Summer Newsletter



#### 2024 MPO COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

## **Next MPO Policy Board**

Thursday, August 15th, 2024

Time: 6pm

## **Next Citizens Advisory Committee**

Thursday, August 8th, 2024

Time: 6pm

# **Next Technical Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, August 6th, 2024

Time: 1pm

## **Policy Advisory Committee**

Meets 2nd Monday of the Month at 9 AM as Morgantown Area Partnership Transportation Committee

#### How to attend

Check our website, plantogether.org, for the location of the March Policy Board Meeting. The meeting is also broadcasted live on our YouTube channel.

Meetings of the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee are held at the MPO's conference room at 243 High Street, Morgantown. The meetings are accessible virtually on: morgantownmonongaliampo.my.webex.com/meet/baustin

#### **MMMPO INFORMATION**

 Want to report road repairs that are needed? Below is contact information for Monongalia County:

Citizen's Request For Assistance - Marion and Monongalia Counties Tonya Clemente: 304-326-0109, Tonya.S.Clemente@wv.gov

• Our MPO Policy Board Meetings are recorded on our YouTube Channel -

@morgantownmonongaliampo5733

• Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Adjustments: University Ave Roundabout Project/ UNIVERSITY AVE I/S IMPROVEMENTS will be moved forward as an administrative modification. Due to this project already existing within MMMPO's TIP, it will move forward as an adjustment not an amendment. See our website under announcements for more information.

#### MPO STAFF UPDATE: ELECTRIC VEHICLE STUDY

MPO Staff is seeking public feed back on our Electric Vehicle (EV) Inventory & Preliminary New Location Study. By assessing the current state of EVs and charging stations in Monongalia County, the primary purpose of this study is to forecast future demand and strategically plan for new infrastructure. This ensures we have a charging network to accommodate the growing number of EVs on the road. Another purpose of this study is to provide basic information regarding EV charging stations and pertinent federal regulations.

Go to https://www.plantogether.org/openhouse for the Draft Study, further information, and our survey that is open until July 19th!



## PARTNER AGENCY UPDATE: MON RIVER TRAILS CONSERVANCY



The Opekiska Trailhead has been updated and is located at mile 24 of the 29-mile Mon River Rail-Trail. It provides 11 parking spots designated for trail parking at the end of Opekiska Road and at the start of the access road to the Opekiska Lock and Dam.

This trailhead complements the recent improvements by the Division of Natural Resources to provide river access near the confluence of White Day Creek and the Monongahela River. This established rail-trail parking will provide better access for those wanting to bike, hike or run on the rail-trail or access the river to fish or paddle.



#### PARTNER AGENCY UPDATE: MOUNTAIN LINE

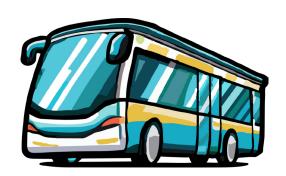
The Mountain Line Transit Authority Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) is pleased to announce an extraordinary passenger who has gone above and beyond the call of courtesy while riding with Mountain Line. Molly Fox Hunter is a frequent passenger and often travels on Rt. 4 Orange Line.

The Mountain Line CAC is pleased to recognize Molly as Rider of the Month for June. Molly will receive a 30 day pass as well as Mountain Line promotional prizes and will be presented with a certificate of appreciation.

The CAC meets every other month on the third Wednesday at 1:30 PM via Zoom Meeting and in person. The next CAC meeting will be held July 17, 2024, all are encouraged to attend.

For more information about the Mountain Line Transit Authority, call 304-291-RIDE (7433) or visit their web page at WWW.BUSRIDE.ORG.





## PARTNER AGENCY UPDATE: CITY OF MORGANTOWN-PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BOARD

Matthew Cross, Chair of the Pedestrian Safety Board for City of Morgantown, wants to extends thanks to marketing coordinator Rachel Johnson and specialist Mallory Sibble with the Mountaineer Country CVB for producing an informational video highlighting preferred safer walking routes to the Summer Concert Series at Hazel Ruby

This video and further information can be found on Visit Mountaineer Country's social media accounts.

McQuain Park.





## PARTNER AGENCY UPDATE: CITY OF MORGANTOWN

Reminder that safety, transportation, and other issues pertaining to the City of Morgantown can be submitted to the app Morgantown 311. Morgantown 311 is the fastest, easiest way for community members to submit non-emergency requests to their community, stay updated, and initiate change in their community.

The City of Morgantown has many volunteer boards one can become involved in that help with bike and pedestrian safety. See their website for more information!





#### **ABOUT THE MMMPO**

The Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMMPO) was established in 2003 to be the areas transportation planning agency. Any urban area with a population greater than 50,000 citizens is required by Federal Legislation to form a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The two main functions of an MPO are developing a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and ensuring that the use of federal funds for transportation projects aligns with the goals of the MTP.

Policy Board Officers: Policy Board Members:

Joe Statler, Blacksville Monongalia County Commission:

Board Chairman Jeffrey Arnett

Tom Bloom

Maria Smith, MLTA Sean Sikora

**Board Vice-Chairman** 

City of Morgantown City Council:

Mayor Patricia Lewis, Mayor Jennifer Selin

Granville Bill Kawecki

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Star City- Steve Blinco, Recorder City of Westover- Mayor Bob Lucci

West Virginia Department of Transportation-Division of Highways- Brian Carr

Morgantown Area Partnership- Russ Rogerson (Non Voting)

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the MMMPO strives to provide equal access to all members of the public at our public meetings and hearings. If you require mobility assistance, sign language interpretation, or interpretation in a foreign language, please contact us at least 4 business days prior to the scheduled meeting or hearing. Our contact information is as follows:

Jing Zhang/Jackie Peate planning@plantogether.org 304-291-9671

The MMMPO is committed to ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to participate and be heard at our public meetings and hearings.

#### **Our Partners**















